



Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
Main Campus Shalimar Srinagar

Subject: Centralized Online Seat Allotment & Counselling procedure for Admission to Undergraduate Degree Programmes - Academic Session 2026-27.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the seat allotment and counselling for admission to the Undergraduate Degree Programmes for the Academic Session 2026-27 shall be conducted through the centralized online mechanism in accordance with the **Centralized Online Seat Allotment & Counselling Procedure** annexed herewith.

The said procedure shall govern the centralized online seat allotment and counselling process for the Undergraduate Degree Programmes covered therein, except B.Tech (AI in Agriculture), for which separate counselling guidelines have already been notified by the University vide Notice issued under endorsement No. Au/Acad./2026/U-09/5650-59 dated 19.06.2026, & the admission process, as on date, almost completed.

Accordingly, all the concerned candidates are advised to carefully peruse the annexed procedure and acquaint themselves with the provisions governing the submission and locking of programme preferences, seat allotment, confirmation of allotment, document verification-cum-counselling and subsequent counselling/upgradation.

The schedule for the various stages of the seat allotment and counselling process shall follow. Candidates shall, therefore, keep themselves regularly updated by visiting the University website www.skuastkashmir.ac.in and their respective student dashboards through Admission Portal <https://skuastkashmir.in/IUMS/applicant/> for all further notifications, information and updates in this regard.

The aforesaid centralized online seat allotment and counselling mechanism shall also, *mutatis-mutandis*, be followed for admission to the Postgraduate and Ph.D programmes, subject to the provisions applicable to the respective programmes, and modifications, if any, as may be deemed appropriate by the university.

By Order,

Sd/-
(Prof. Azmat Alam Khan)
Registrar

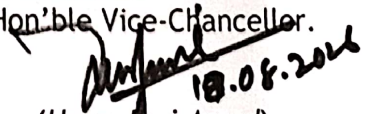
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No.AU/Acad./2026/U-09/8500-518

Dated: 18.08.2026

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- Director Education (Chairman Counselling Board), SKUAST-Kashmir, Shalimar.
- All Deans/Associate Deans of Subject Matter Faculties/Colleges, SKUAST-Kashmir.
- All Members of Counseling Board _____ constituted vide U.O No. 34 (Acad.) of 2026 dated 10.04.2026.
- Professor In-charge ARIS, for placing the notice of university website on the front page under "NEWS".
- Incharge Media Cell, SKUAST-Kashmir, for giving wider publicity to the notice through "SKUAST-K Official Social Media Handles".
- Nodal Officer, IT Team (Admissions), SKUAST-Kashmir, Shalimar.
- Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for kind information of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.


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Annexure to Notice No.Au/Acad./2026/U-09/8500-518 Dated: 18.08.2026

CENTRALIZED ONLINE SEAT ALLOTMENT & COUNSELLING
PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
PROGRAMMES (ACADEMIC SESSION 2026-27)

1. SCOPE:

This procedure shall govern the centralized online seat allotment & counselling process for admission to the Undergraduate Degree Programmes of SKUAST-Kashmir for the Academic Session 2026-27, except the B.Tech (AI in Agriculture) Degree Programme, for which separate counselling guidelines have already been circulated vide university Notice issued under endorsement No.Au/Acad./2026/U-09/5650-59 dated 19.06.2026.

Admissions shall be made through a centralized portal on the basis of:

- a. Merit assigned to the candidate in the applicable finalized master merit list, prepared on the basis of UET(UG)-2026/NEET Score-2026/JEE (Mains)-2026 score or such other examination(s), wherever applicable;
- b. Reservation Policy of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir as adopted by SKUAST-Kashmir, and reflected in the UG Admission Broucher (2026-27);
- c. Approved programme-wise seat matrix;
- d. Programme preferences submitted and locked by the candidates during the notified Preference Submission Window; and
- e. Such other conditions as may be notified by the University from time to time.

2. PREFERENCE SUBMISSION WINDOW:

The University shall notify a Preference Submission Window on the University Admission Portal <https://skuastkashmir.in/IUMS/applicant/> for all eligible candidates.

During the Preference Submission Window, every eligible candidate shall be permitted to exercise programme preferences from amongst all Undergraduate Degree Programmes for which he/she is otherwise eligible under the concerned entrance examination and the prescribed eligibility conditions, irrespective of the programme(s), if any, selected by the candidate at the time of submission of the online admission application.

Candidates shall arrange the eligible programme preferences in descending order of priority.

For every programme included in the preference list, the candidate shall also indicate separately whether he/she wishes to be considered for allotment against the SELF-FINANCE SEATS of that particular programme, wherever applicable.

The option for consideration under Self-Finance shall be exercised independently for each eligible programme.

The Self-Finance option shall be programme-specific and shall be checked separately against each programme preference during the seat allotment process.

The University shall not be responsible for any disadvantage arising out of omission to include an eligible programme in the preference list, incorrect ordering of preferences, failure to exercise the option for consideration under Self-Finance seats, or exercise of such option contrary to the intention of the candidate.

Candidates shall also update/upload during the aforesaid window, wherever applicable:

- a. Marks obtained in the qualifying examination;
- b. NEET-2026/JEE (Mains)-2026 score/details;
- c. Pending certificates or documents; and
- d. Any other information required by the University for determination of eligibility or merit.

Programme preferences and programme-wise Self-Finance options once submitted and locked shall be treated as final for the counselling process and no request for addition, deletion, modification or re-ordering of programme preferences or alteration of Self-Finance options shall thereafter be entertained. Participation in the counselling process shall not confer any right to admission. Seat allotment shall remain subject to merit, reservation, eligibility, programme preferences, availability of seats, superior claim, if any, and the provisions of this procedure.

3. ORDER OF SEAT ALLOCATION:

3.1 MASTER MERIT LISTS AND PROGRAMME-WISE MERIT MAPPING:

For the purpose of centralized online seat allotment, the University shall provide the Admission Portal with the following five finalized master merit lists, prepared after application of the prescribed merit criteria and all applicable tie-breaking provisions in case of Domicile of UT of J&K:

I. PCB MASTER MERIT LIST

Applicable to:

- a. BVSc & AH; and
- b. BFSc.

II. PCM MASTER MERIT LIST

Applicable to:

- a. *B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering).*

III. PCB/PCM/PCA CONSOLIDATED MASTER MERIT LIST

Applicable to:

- a. *B.Tech (Dairy Technology);*
- b. *B.Tech (Food Technology); and*
- c. *B.Tech (Biotechnology).*

IV. PCB/PCA CONSOLIDATED MASTER MERIT LIST

Applicable to:

- a. *B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture;*
- b. *B.Sc (Hons.) Horticulture;*
- c. *B.Sc (Hons.) Forestry;*
- d. *B.Sc (Hons.) Sericulture;*
- e. *B.Sc Biochemistry; and*
- f. *B.Sc Microbiology.*

V. EDS MERIT LIST

Applicable to:

- a. *B.Sc (Economics & Data Science).*

The five master merit lists shall be finalized by the University before commencement of the counselling process, with all applicable tie-breaking provisions already applied. The Admission Portal shall not undertake any fresh consolidation of streams, comparison of marks or application of tie-breaking criteria.

The merit position of a candidate for consideration against a particular programme shall be the rank assigned to the candidate in the master merit list mapped to that programme.

A candidate may accordingly have different merit positions in different master merit lists. All such merit positions shall remain linked to the same Candidate ID and shall not be treated as separate candidates.

Where a candidate has submitted more than one programme preference falling under different master merit lists, the Portal shall retrieve the candidate's rank from the master merit list applicable to the programme under consideration.

For example, where a candidate has Rank 500 in the PCB Master Merit List, Rank 530 in the PCB/PCA Consolidated Master Merit List, Rank 610 in the PCB/PCM/PCA Consolidated Master Merit List, and Rank 25 in EDS Merit List, and has BVSC & AH, B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture, B.Tech (Dairy Technology) and B.Sc (EDS) as successive programme preferences, the applicable ranks shall be 500, 530, 610 and 25 respectively while those preferences are being considered.

The Portal shall accordingly retrieve the applicable rank from the master merit list mapped to the programme under consideration and shall not compare or substitute the candidate's rank in one master merit list for the rank applicable to another programme.

For NRI-Sponsored & Other State/UTs Categories, the aforesaid master lists shall be replaced by NEET-Score List, 10+2 marks List and JEE-Score lists, as applicable to the respective programmes.

- 3.2 Seat allotment shall be carried out centrally through the University Admission Portal in the following sequence:

Stage-I: Horizontal Reservation

Allocation and adjustment under the notified Horizontal Reservation Categories, namely:

- a. *Persons with Disabilities (PwD);*
- b. *Children of Defense Personnel (CDP);*
- c. *Children of Paramilitary Forces/UT Police Personnel; and*
- d. *Sports Category,*

shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable Reservation Policy.

Candidates selected on merit under the Open Merit Category or their respective parent reserved category shall also count towards satisfaction of the prescribed Horizontal Reservation.

Once the prescribed representation under a horizontal reservation category has been fulfilled through such selection on merit, no additional candidate shall be allotted against the horizontal reservation merely for the purpose of filling the corresponding horizontal seat.

Stage-II: Open Merit

All Open Merit seats shall be allotted strictly in order of the applicable inter-se merit and programme preferences.

Each candidate shall be allotted only one seat and the system shall always attempt to allot the highest preferred programme for which the candidate is eligible and entitled on the basis of the applicable inter-se merit, reservation/category status and seat availability.

Stage-III: Reserved Categories

Seats reserved under various Reserved Categories shall thereafter be allotted strictly in accordance with the applicable Reservation Policy and the applicable inter-se merit of eligible candidates belonging to the respective categories.

Candidates selected under Open Merit shall not consume seats earmarked for their respective Reserved Categories.

Stage-IV: Wards of Employees of SKUAST-Kashmir

Seats reserved under the "Wards of Employees of SKUAST-Kashmir" quota shall be allotted strictly in accordance with the notified eligibility conditions and approved criteria.

Stage-V: Self-Finance Seats

After completion of allotment under all Non-Self Finance Seat categories, the available Self-Finance seats shall be allotted programme-wise from amongst those candidates who have explicitly opted for consideration under the Self-Finance category for the respective programme during submission of programme preferences.

Allotment under the Self-Finance category shall be made strictly on the basis of the applicable inter-se merit, programme preferences, programme-wise Self-Finance option exercised by the candidate and availability of seats.

Candidates admitted against Self-Finance seats shall remain eligible for consideration against Free Seats in the subsequent counselling rounds, subject to merit, reservation status, availability of seats and the provisions of this Procedure.

4. OPERATION OF HORIZONTAL RESERVATION:

Horizontal reservation, wherever applicable under the notified Reservation Policy of the University, shall be implemented **only at the stage of the 1st Round of Provisional Seat Allotment.**

At the said stage, eligible candidates belonging to the notified horizontal reservation categories shall be considered against their respective parent categories in accordance with the applicable Reservation Policy.

Candidates selected on their own merit in the Open Merit or respective reserved category shall also be adjusted towards fulfillment of the prescribed horizontal reservation quota, wherever applicable.

Such candidate shall be counted for the purpose of determining fulfillment of the prescribed horizontal reservation requirement. Once the prescribed horizontal representation has thereby been fulfilled, no further candidate shall be allotted against the horizontal reservation merely to fill the corresponding horizontal slot.

The subsequent counselling rounds shall be conducted only for provisional up-gradation of already allotted candidates and provisional allotment against the resultant vacancies available at the commencement of the respective counselling round.

Accordingly, no fresh horizontal reservation adjustment shall be undertaken during the subsequent counselling rounds. The resultant vacancies shall be filled strictly on the basis of applicable inter-se merit, applicable vertical reservation, programme preferences, programme-wise option exercised for consideration under Self-Finance seats, eligibility and availability of seats, in accordance with the provisions of this Procedure.

The non-operation of horizontal reservation during the subsequent counselling rounds shall not be construed as a modification of the notified Reservation Policy, but as a counselling mechanism adopted for filling the resultant vacancies arising after the initial implementation of the horizontal reservation, while preserving the integrity of the original reservation roster, ensuring transparency in seat allotment and facilitating timely completion of the admission process.

5. FIRST ROUND OF PROVISIONAL SEAT ALLOTMENT:

The University shall carry out the 1st Round of Provisional Seat Allotment centrally through the University Admission Portal in accordance with the provisions of this Procedure.

The First Round of Provisional Seat Allotment shall be made strictly on the basis of:

- a. *applicable inter-se merit;*
- b. *reservation/category status;*
- c. *programme preferences locked by the candidate;*
- d. *programme-wise option exercised for consideration under Self-Finance seats, wherever applicable;*
- e. *eligibility of the candidate; and*
- f. *availability of seats.*

Only one seat shall be provisionally allotted to a candidate during a counselling iteration.

The system shall always attempt to allot the highest preferred programme for which the candidate is eligible and entitled on the basis of the applicable inter-se merit, reservation/category status and availability of seats.

6. NATURE OF PROVISIONAL SEAT ALLOTMENT:

Every provisional seat allotment made by the University shall be purely provisional and shall not confer any vested or indefeasible right upon any candidate for admission.

Every provisional seat allotment shall remain subject to:

- a. *verification of original documents;*
- b. *fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility conditions;*
- c. *verification of reservation/category claims, wherever applicable;*

- d. *verification of programme-specific eligibility;*
- e. *payment of the prescribed fee(s);*
- f. *determination of correct inter-se merit;*
- g. *settlement of any superior merit claim;*
- h. *correction of any technical, software, clerical or inadvertent error occurring during the counselling process;*
- i. *any order or direction issued by a Court of competent jurisdiction, Government, statutory authority or the University.*

The University reserves the right to modify, revise, withdraw or cancel any provisional allotment at any stage of the admission process if it is found that the allotment has been made due to:

- a. *technical or system error;*
- b. *inadvertent or clerical mistake;*
- c. *incorrect processing of merit or reservation;*
- d. *submission of false, fabricated or invalid documents;*
- e. *suppression or concealment of material facts;*
- f. *any superior merit claim established subsequently;*
- g. *incorrect data furnished by the candidate; or*
- h. *any other reason rendering the candidate ineligible under the applicable statutes, regulations, notifications or this Procedure.*

The decision of the University in such matters shall be final.

7. CONFIRMATION OF PROVISIONAL SEAT ALLOTMENT:

Candidates provisionally allotted seats shall be required to confirm/book the allotted seat by depositing the non-refundable Seat Booking Fee of Rs.11000/- (eleven thousand rupees only) comprising of:

- a. *Document Verification-cum-Counselling Fee:* Rs.1,000/-
- b. *Seat Booking Fee* : Rs.10,000/-

through the online payment facility available on the University Admission Portal within the notified timeline.

Failure to confirm/book the allotted seat within the prescribed period shall result in automatic cancellation of the provisional allotment.

The resultant vacancy shall be added to the common vacancy pool for subsequent counselling rounds.

The Seat Booking Fee paid by the candidate shall be adjusted against the programme fee payable at the time of counseling/admission.

The Seat Booking Fee shall be non-refundable except where refund is specifically permitted under the notified rules of the University.

8. DOCUMENT VERIFICATION-CUM-COUNSELING:

Candidates who have confirmed/booked their allotted seats shall be required to report in-person, before the COUNSELLING BOARD, at the place, date and time notified by the University.

Every candidate shall produce, in original, all documents prescribed by the University including, but not limited to:

- a. *Domicile/Residence Certificate;*
- b. *Marks Certificate(s) of the qualifying examination;*
- c. *Date of Birth Certificate/Matriculation Certificate;*
- d. *Reserved Category Certificate, wherever applicable;*
- e. *Entrance Examination Score Card, wherever applicable;*
- f. *Printed copy of the online application form;*
- g. *Printed copy of the provisional seat allotment letter generated through the Admission Portal;*
- h. *Four (04) passport size photographs; and*
- i. *such other documents as may be required by the University.*

The Counselling Board shall verify the eligibility, merit, reservation claim and all supporting documents of the candidate before confirmation of admission.

The Counselling Board may reject the candidature or recommend cancellation of the provisional allotment if the candidate:

- a. *fails to report in-person, before the Counselling Board at the place, date and time notified by the University;*
- b. *fails to produce the required original documents;*
- c. *is found ineligible;*
- d. *has submitted false, fabricated or invalid documents;*
- e. *has suppressed or concealed any material information; or*
- f. *is otherwise found ineligible under the applicable statutes, regulations, notifications or this Procedure.*

Admission shall be deemed to have been confirmed only after successful completion of Document Verification-cum-Counseling, payment of the prescribed fee(s) and fulfillment of all conditions prescribed by the University.

9. SUBSEQUENT COUNSELLING ROUNDS:

After completion of the 1st Round of Provisional Seat Allotment and the corresponding Document Verification-cum-Counseling, all subsequent counselling rounds shall be Counselling/Up-gradation, & if required, shall be conducted only against the vacancies available at the commencement of the respective counselling round.

The vacancies available at the commencement of a counselling round shall constitute the Vacancy Pool for that counselling round, which vacancies shall be



duly notified, prior to scheduling of that round, through a public notice on university official website www.skuastkashmir.ac.in.

The Vacancy Pool may comprise vacancies arising on account of:

- a. *non-confirmation/non-booking of provisional allotments;*
- b. *non-reporting for Document Verification-cum-Counseling;*
- c. *cancellation or withdrawal of admission;*
- d. *vacancies carried forward from the immediately preceding counselling round; and*
- e. *such other vacancies as may be notified by the University.*

The Vacancy Pool for a counselling round shall stand frozen immediately before commencement of the counselling iteration, and only the vacancies forming part of such frozen Vacancy Pool shall be considered for allotment during that counselling round.

10. PARTICIPATION IN SUBSEQUENT COUNSELLING ROUNDS:

Every subsequent Counselling/Up-gradation round shall be conducted through physical reporting of candidates before the COUNSELLING BOARD on the date, time and venue notified by the University.

Participation in any subsequent round shall be open to every eligible candidate, irrespective of whether he/she:

- a. *was allotted a seat or not in any previous counselling round;*
- b. *confirmed or did not confirm an earlier allotment;*
- c. *reported or did not report for Document Verification-cum-Counseling;*
- d. *was admitted or was not admitted earlier; or*
- e. *was not allotted any seat in the previous counselling round.*

Provided that the candidate has submitted the programme preferences during the “Preference Window Submission” and continues to satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions for admission to the degree programme(s).

Physical reporting before the Counselling Board shall constitute the candidate's expression of willingness to participate in that counselling round.

A candidate who fails to report physically within the notified reporting period shall not be considered for allotment or up-gradation in that counselling round.

Non-participation in one counselling round shall not render a candidate ineligible for participation in any subsequent counselling round, subject to the provisions of this Procedure.

11. COUNSELLING POOL:

After completion of physical reporting, the Counselling Board shall mark the attendance of the eligible candidates in the University Admission Portal.

The University shall thereafter enable an online Participation Link on the respective dashboard of only those candidates who have been marked present.

Every candidate marked present shall confirm willingness to participate in the counselling round through the Participation Link within the time notified by the University.

Only those candidates who successfully confirm their willingness shall constitute the Counselling Pool for that counselling round.

The Counselling Pool shall stand frozen immediately upon expiry of the prescribed timeline.

No candidate shall thereafter be permitted to enter or exit the Counselling Pool for that counselling round.

The seat allotment algorithm shall thereafter be executed only against the Frozen Counselling Pool and the Frozen Vacancy Pool.

12. SEAT ALLOTMENT DURING SUBSEQUENT COUNSELLING ROUNDS:

After the Counselling Pool and the Vacancy Pool for a counselling round have been frozen, the University shall carry out a single counselling iteration through the University Admission Portal.

The counselling iteration shall be carried out strictly on the basis of:

- a. *applicable inter-se merit;*
- b. *reservation/category status;*
- c. *programme preferences locked by the candidate;*
- d. *programme-wise option exercised for consideration under Self-Finance seats, wherever applicable;*
- e. *eligibility; and*
- f. *availability of seats forming part of the Vacancy Pool.*

For each programme preference under consideration, the Portal shall use the merit rank assigned to the candidate in the master merit list applicable to that programme. Where a candidate has different merit ranks in different master merit lists, the rank corresponding to the programme under consideration shall be used.

The Portal shall also verify the Self-Finance option separately for each programme preference. A candidate shall be considered against a Self-Finance seat of a particular programme only where the candidate has opted for consideration under Self-Finance for that programme

The counselling iteration shall automatically allot the highest preferred available programme to every eligible candidate forming part of the Counselling Pool in accordance with the criteria specified above.

The allotment so made may result in either:

- a. *provisional allotment of a seat to a candidate not already holding any seat;*
or
- b. *provisional up-gradation of a candidate already holding a seat.*

Only one provisional seat shall be allotted to a candidate during a counselling iteration.

A candidate already holding a confirmed seat shall not be provisionally allotted the same seat during a subsequent counselling round. Such candidate shall be considered only where the counselling iteration results in:

- a. *provisional upgradation to a higher preferred programme in accordance with the locked programme preferences;*
- b. *provisional allotment of the same programme under a category resulting in lower fee liability, including movement from a Self-Finance seat to a Free/Open or Reserved seat, wherever applicable; or*
- c. *provisional allotment of the same programme under Open Merit in case of Reserved Category candidates (except horizontal), wherever permissible under the applicable Reservation Policy.*

Where none of the above outcomes is possible, no provisional allotment shall be made to such candidate against the Vacancy Pool for that counselling round, and the candidate shall continue against the seat already confirmed/admitted prior to commencement of the counselling iteration.

Any vacancy arising during a counselling round on account of provisional up-gradation, cancellation, withdrawal, resignation, non-confirmation of allotment or any other reason shall not be considered for allotment during the same counselling round and shall automatically form part of the Vacancy Pool for the immediately succeeding counselling round, if any.

No manual allotment, manual up-gradation or alteration of programme preferences shall be permitted.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOTMENT:

The provisional allotment generated during a counselling round shall be made available on the candidate's dashboard.

Every candidate provisionally allotted a seat shall confirm acceptance of the allotment through the University Admission Portal within the time notified by the University.

Candidates allotted a seat for the first time shall deposit the prescribed fee/seat booking fee within the notified timeline.

Candidates provisionally upgraded to a programme carrying a higher fee shall be required to hold their newly allotted seats by confirming the acceptance through the respective student dashboards within the notified timeline, against ZERO payment.

The balance fee, after adjusting seat booking fee in case of candidates allotted fresh seats, and the differential amount payable by the candidates having held on to their provisionally up-graded seats, shall be deposited by the respective candidates through a payment link to be made available on the student dashboards at the time of Document Verification-cum-Counselling, as per the standard practice.

For a candidate who shall be provisionally up-graded either to a different programme, or to the same programme in a different category (e.g, reserved category to open merit) with no further fee liability, he/she, too, shall have to confirm such up-gradation as per the above procedure, however, with ZERO payment on both the instances.

Failure to confirm acceptance of the provisional allotment and/or failure to deposit the applicable fee, wherever required, within the prescribed timeline shall result in automatic cancellation of the provisional allotment.

In the case of a candidate provisionally upgraded during a counselling round, failure to confirm acceptance of the upgraded seat shall result in lapse of the provisional up-gradation, and the candidate shall continue to retain the seat already held.

The vacancy so arising shall form part of the Vacancy Pool for the immediately succeeding counselling round.

14. SELF-FINANCE SEATS:

Consideration for allotment against Self-Finance seats shall be confined only to those programmes for which the candidate has explicitly opted for consideration under the Self-Finance category during the Preference Submission Window.

A candidate who has not opted for consideration under the Self-Finance category for a particular programme shall not be considered for allotment against the Self-Finance seat of that programme.

Candidates allotted Self-Finance seats shall remain eligible for allotment against Free Seats in subsequent counselling rounds, subject to merit, reservation/category status, programme preferences, eligibility, availability of seats, and participation in physical mode in subsequent round(s).

Upon allotment of a Free Seat (Non Self Finance Seat), the earlier Self-Finance seat shall automatically stand vacated and shall be added to the Vacancy Pool for the subsequent round.

Fee adjustment and refund, if any, shall be governed by the fee rules notified by the University.

15. MOP-UP ROUND:

After completion of all notified counselling rounds, if seats remain vacant, the University may conduct one or more Mop-Up Round(s).

The University shall notify the procedure, eligibility conditions and schedule for the Mop-Up Round separately.

Unless otherwise notified, the provisions of this Procedure shall apply *mutatis-mutandis* to the Mop-Up Round.

The University shall reserve the right not to conduct a Mop-Up Round where the number of vacancies does not justify such counseling.

16. CANCELLATION OF ALLOTMENT/ADMISSION:

The provisional allotment or admission of a candidate shall be liable to cancellation at any stage if:

- a. *the candidate is found ineligible;*
- b. *any information furnished by the candidate is found to be false, incorrect or misleading;*
- c. *any certificate or document submitted by the candidate is found to be forged, fabricated or invalid;*
- d. *the candidate suppresses any material information;*
- e. *the candidate fails to comply with any provision of this Procedure or any Notification issued by the University;*
- f. *the allotment has resulted from any technical, software, clerical or inadvertent error; or*
- g. *the candidate otherwise becomes ineligible under the applicable statutes, regulations or Government orders.*

Cancellation under this clause shall be without prejudice to any other action that may be taken by the University under law.

17. FINALITY OF COUNSELING:

After closure of the final counselling round, no request for:

- a. *change of programme,*
 - b. *Inter-programme transfer,*
 - c. *change of category*
 - d. *manual up-gradation;*
 - e. *manual allotment of any seat;*
 - f. *allotment outside the notified counselling process; or*
 - g. *reconsideration contrary to merit or the provisions of this Procedure,*
- shall be entertained.

18. MISCELLANEOUS:

Participation in the counselling process shall not confer any vested right upon a candidate to claim admission.

Mere inclusion of a candidate in the merit list or participation in counselling shall not guarantee allotment of a seat.

The University reserves the right to rectify any inadvertent, clerical, software, technical or system-related error at any stage of the admission process.

The University may revise, modify or cancel any provisional allotment where such allotment is found to be inconsistent with merit, reservation policy, eligibility conditions or the provisions of this Procedure.

Every provisional allotment and admission shall remain subject to verification of original documents, determination of eligibility, verification of reservation claims, settlement of superior merit claims, and compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, notifications and orders issued by the University or any competent authority.

The electronic records maintained on the University Admission Portal, including attendance, programme preferences, participation confirmation, seat allotment, fee payment and other counselling transactions, shall constitute the official record of the counselling process.

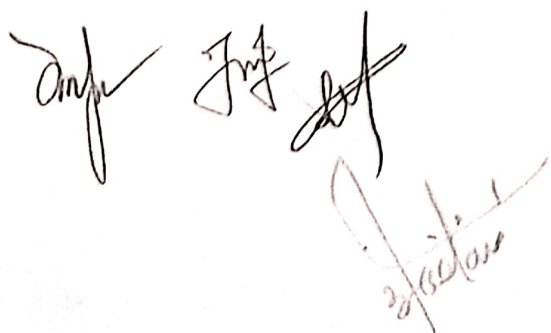
The date and time recorded on the University Admission Portal shall be treated as final for determining compliance with the timelines prescribed under this Procedure.

The University shall not be responsible for failure of a candidate to participate in counselling or complete any online activity on account of internet connectivity issues, power failure, hardware or software malfunction at the candidate's end or any other circumstance beyond the control of the University.

In the event of any ambiguity regarding interpretation of this Procedure, the interpretation placed by the University shall prevail.

The decision of the University regarding eligibility, merit, reservation, seat allotment and interpretation of this Procedure shall be final.

----ENDS----

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